

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in the present application.

Amendments to the Specification

The specification has been amended herein to correct minor typographical errors. Specifically, the amendment to page 3, line 3, is a correction of a mistranslation which occurred during the preparation of an English language translation of the original Japanese PCT specification. In support of the amendments made herein, Applicants submit herewith a Declaration showing that the English description “reflectance”, as amended on page 3, line 3 of the English specification is a true and correct translation of the corresponding portion of the original Japanese PCT specification.

The amendments to page 31, lines 1 and 9, page 63, line 24, page 64, line 7 and page 91, line 2 are merely corrections of apparent clerical errors.

The amendment to page 113, line 6, is a correction of a mistranslation which occurred during the preparation of an English translation of the original Japanese PCT specification. In support of this amendment, Applicants submit herewith a Declaration showing that the English description “refractive index”, as amended at page 113, lines 6-7 of the English specification, is a true and correct translation of the corresponding portion of the original Japanese PCT specification.

Restriction/Election Requirements

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-6 and 13-15, drawn to a laminate; and

Group II, claims 7-12, drawn to a coating composition.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-6 and 13-15.

This Restriction Requirement is traversed because:

- (1) there are overlapping technical features between the two groups of claims; and
- (2) there would be no undue burden on the Examiner to examine both groups of claims.

Further, Applicants note that in the Restriction Requirement mailed August 9, 2006, Group I contains only claims 1-6, 13 and 14. However, new claim 15 was added by the Preliminary Amendment filed on October 18, 2005. Applicants thank Examiner Chang for his confirmation, via a telephone interview held on August 21, 2006, that claim 15 should be included in Group I. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner give proper consideration to claims 1-6 and 13-15 at present.

Election of Species

The Examiner has also required an election of species in the present application between:

Species A, drawn to a laminate structure; and

Species B, drawn to a coating composition.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, Species A, drawn to a laminate structure. The claims which are readable on the elected species are claims 1-5 and 14-15.

CONCLUSION

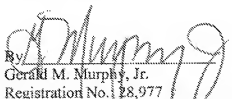
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gerald M. Murphy, Jr. (Registration No. 28,977) at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- ☐ Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- ☐ Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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